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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE
ACTION AND
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED
EXAMINATION**

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed September 17, 2007, Applicant hereby petitions for a one-month extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and respectfully submits the following amendments set forth below and requests favorable action thereon.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.